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SUBJECT: CLOSURE EXERCISE Y

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1. I KNOW FROM EXPERIENCE THAT ONCE SOMETHING IS MENTIONED IN HEADQUARTERS, NEWS OF THAT ISSUE, HOWEVER ACCURATE, SOON HITS THE FIELD VIA THE FAMOUS FBIS GRAPEVINE. THEREFORE, I THINK IT IS BEST THAT I ALERT YOU THAT THE CLOSURE OF GULF BUREAU IS ONE OF SEVERAL PLANNING EXERCISES WE ARE NOW FORCED TO ENGAGE IN AS A RESULT OF THE GRAMM-RUDMAN BILL. Y

2. THERE IS NO NEED FOR ALARM OR CONCERN NOW, SINCE IT IS MERELY AN EXERCISE WE'RE CONDUCTING. SHOULD G-R NOT BE MODIFIED SIGNIFICANTLY, HOWEVER, FBIS WILL BE FORCED TO CLOSE CERTAIN OPERATIONS AND END OTHER ACTIVITIES. THAT IS WHY WE HAVE TO DO SOME ANALYSIS AND PLANNING. IN A DOLLAR-FOR-PRODUCT ANALYSIS, GULF IS THE MOST LIKELY CANDIDATE FOR CLOSURE AMONG FIELD BUREAUS. MY POSITION IS NOT TO CLOSE ANY BUREAU UNLESS ABSOLUTELY FORCED.

NONETHELESS, WE HAVE TO LOOK AT WHAT SAVINGS COULD BE GAINED AND

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WHAT COVERAGE WOULD BE LOST. MOD AND ADMIN ARE LOOKING AT THAT NOW. INITIAL AND ROUGH ESTIMATES FORECAST A SAVINGS OF 25X1 PER YEAR RESULTING FROM GULF'S CLOSURE. Y

3. WHAT WE'RE ASKING OF YOU IS A MATURE LOOK AT THIS ISSUE FROM A MANAGER'S UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE. WHOM AMONG THE STAFF DO YOU THINK WE WOULD LOSE? WHOM SHOULD WE MAKE AN EFFORT TO RETAIN? WHAT ARE SOME POSSIBLE RELOCATION OPTIONS FOR THE MONITORS? WHOM DO YOU FEEL SHOULD BE RELEASED WITH SEVERANCE PAY? COULD/SHOULD WE MAINTAIN AN ISLAMABAD-TYPE RELAY OPERATION? WHAT PROBLEMS WOULD WE HAVE IN MAINTAINING A RELAY AND WHAT WOULD BE YOUR PROPOSALS FOR SUCH AN OPERATION? THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE QUESTIONS WE'RE ASKING OURSELVES. YOU NO DOUBT WILL HAVE NUMEROUS OTHERS THAT WOULD BE PERTINENT TO ANY FINAL DECISION ON CLOSURE. Y

4. I WANT TO EMPHASIZE THAT NO DECISION HAS YET BEEN MADE ON THE FUTURE OF YOUR BUREAU. EVEN IF WE WERE FORCED TO TAKE SUCH A DRASTIC STEP, IT WOULD BE AN FY-87 ACTION AT THE EARLIEST. PLEASE DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE NOT TO LET THE WORD CIRCULATE AMONG YOUR STAFFERS, OTHER THAN YOUR DEPUTY. BY 13 FEBRUARY, LET ME HAVE YOUR

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THOUGHTS, ESTIMATES IF POSSIBLE, AND WHATEVER ANSWERS YOU CAN COME
UP WITH TO HELP US WHEN AND IF A DECISION HAS TO BE MADE. NEEDLESS
TO SAY, WE'LL DISCUSS THIS THOROUGHLY WITH YOU DURING THE BCC. DECL
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